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             IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT FOR
               THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
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                      AUSTIN DIVISION
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                            :No. 1:18-cv-00088-LY
    JEROME SCHMIDT,
             Plaintiff(s), :
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             v.
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    UNITED STATES OF
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    AMERICA,
             Defendant(s). :
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8
                Friday, September 28, 2018
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             Videotape deposition of CHRISTOPHER M.
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      LOFTUS, MD, held at the offices of VERITEXT
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      LEGAL SOLUTIONS, 1801 Market Street, Suite
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      1800, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103,
      beginning at 1:44 p.m., on the above date,
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      before Victoria A. Bramnick, a Professional
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      Court Reporter and Notary Public in and for
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      the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.
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1	this.
2	Dr. Lewine says that when he
3	looked at the imaging between 2015 and 2018,
4	he saw approximately 22 percent loss of brain
5	volume.
6	Did you agree with that?
7	A. Well, I mean, you know, there's
8	no dispute here, sir, that I think there's
9	something bad going on in this gentleman's
10	brain. The only question is, you know, why is
11	it happening.
12	So, I could say, yeah, I agree
13	with these things you're telling me, sure. I
14	mean, his brain is disappearing for some
15	reasons.
16	Q. Okay. And that's over a
17	two-year period, right?
18	A. Two or three, right, 2015-2018.
19	Q. Have you had patients with
20	Alzheimer's dementia in your practice?
21	A. I have.
22	Q. Did they, in your experience,
23	experience such a dramatic loss of brain
24	volume in the same time periods?
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      but as far as I'm concerned, that's where he
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      was beginning to show the signs when he went
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       to Dr. Mallett and had that MRI and said, my
      memory's not right. Now, to me, that's --
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       that's the beginning --
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                     Well --
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                     -- potentially of this whole
      disease process that he has. I can't -- I
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      can't not take that into consideration.
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              Q.
                     Sure.
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                     Doctor, you're not diagnosing
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      Dr. Schmidt with dementia, are you?
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              Α.
                     Well, I've read his deposition.
       I think he's pretty demented.
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                     Is that a clinical diagnosis
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      you're providing Dr. -- for Dr. Schmidt?
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                     No, I'm not qualified to do
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       that.
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                     Okay. Would you, at the very
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       least --
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              Α.
                     Okay. Let's leave it this way.
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                     I think, in concert with what
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      other experts in this case have said, and his
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      treating physicians, this gentleman has major
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1 CERTIFICATE 2 3 I do hereby certify that I am a Notary Public in good standing, that the aforesaid 4 testimony was taken before me, pursuant to 5 notice, at the time and place indicated; that said deponent was by me duly sworn to tell the 6 truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth; that the testimony of said deponent was 7 correctly recorded in machine shorthand by me and thereafter transcribed under my supervision with computer-aided transcription; 8 that the deposition is a true and correct 9 record of the testimony given by the witness; and that I am neither of counsel nor kin to any party in said action, nor interested in 10 the outcome thereof. 11 WITNESS my hand and official seal this 12 4th day of October, 2018. 13 14 15 16 Victoria A. Bramnick Notary Public 17 VERITEXT LEGAL SOLUTIONS 300 Throckmorton Street, Suite 1600 18 Fort Worth, Texas 76102 Phone: 1-800-336-4000 19 2.0 21 22 23 2.4 Page 237